



SACO

SLAVIC AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION



KALIFORNSKI

Fond Memories, New Beginnings



Fall and Winter, 2014, Vol. #1

To inform and educate Slavic Americans, as well as others, of the Slavic Culture and History

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**SACO
CHRISTMAS
DINNER
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER
6th, 2014
Doors Open:
4:00 PM
WATSONVILLE
WOMAN'S CLUB
MORE
INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW**

President's Message

Hello SACO Members,

I want to thank you all for being a part of SACO. As your new President, I will do my best to keep the organization going and hopefully watch it continue to grow. I have so many happy memories of past events. From enjoying time with friends and family to working on the Kalifornski with Dale Skillicorn. When I received the letter explaining that the past officers were soon to leave office and it was not known if SACO was going to continue, I knew I had to step up. When I did, thankfully no one laughed! I am honored and proud to be here.

The July BBQ went very well and I think everyone had a good time. I am looking forward to future events and getting to know you all better.

Season's Greetings,
Christina



Christina Justus
SACO President,
Board of Directors

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared by: Susan Radin Gallagher

SACO Treasurer's Report

Aug. 17, 2014

July 6th BBQ

208 adults 8 children	\$4,200.00
Drink Tickets	\$965.00
Drawing Tickets	<u>\$620.00</u>
Total Income	\$5,785.00

Expenses

Knights of Columbus 958	\$3,304.00
M&M Party Rentals—tables	\$220.00
Set-up/Clean-up Padres Hall	\$325.00
Padres Hall Rental	\$100.00
Decorations	\$50.00
Drinks, paper products, tableware, etc.	\$776.86
Flyer w/ 200 stamps	\$98.00
Ice	<u>\$25.44</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,899.30
<u>Profit</u>	\$885.70
<u>Bank Balance 7/31/14</u>	\$5,871.61

Income

Donation for scholarship fund	\$25.00
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Expenses

Scholarships — Mary Staka and Elijah Dennis-Benford	
2 @ \$600	\$1,200.00
Insurance for Officers and Directors:	
8/1/14 -to 7/31/15	\$935.00
Watsonville Women's Club :	
Rental of Hall 12/6/14	\$285.00
<u>Total checking account balance 8/17/14</u>	\$3,476.61



CROATIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education

Instructor: Mr. John Basor

Where: Aptos High School

When: Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 PM

Next Session: October 22nd to December 17th

\$90.00 per session

We Need You!

Looking for two members to volunteer
to shadow both Judy Hager and
Maryann Bulich Schnitter in
preparation for the Christmas Dinner
on December 6, 2014. Those volunteers
would then be the Event Coordinators
for the 2015 Christmas Dinner. If
interested, please contact Maryann at
#(408)828-5206.

Thank you.

BBQ HIGHLIGHTS on July 6, 2014 at the beautiful Corralitos Padres Hall



**JULY 6TH BBQ
COORDINATORS AND VOLUNTEERS
THANK YOU!**

Event Co-Coordinator:

Judy Hager and Maryann Bulich Schnitter

Set-Up:

Sharon Alaga, Alex Solano and
Mary Gospodnetich

Selling Raffle Tickets:

Stephanie Bulich, Helen Ukestad, Charlie
Ukestad, Nancy Cavanaugh and Sue Harris

Selling Drink Tickets:

Jelka Basor, Steve Millich and Peter Harris

Desserts & Coffee:

Ursula Puglizevich

Bar Tending:

John Vodanovich, Ted Nizenkoff and
Eli Puglizevich

Clean-Up:

Eli and Ursula Puglizevich

ALSO:

Thank you to all our members and guests who
brought raffle prizes and/or desserts.
They were wonderful

Congratulations to our 2014
Scholarship Recipients

Mary Staka
and
Elijah Dennis-Benford

We wish you all the best in your
future endeavors.





**SACO
FACEBOOK PAGE
COMING SOON!**

We are happy to announce that member Luci Basor will be creating our page soon. Just another way to keep you informed.

Membership Information:

MEMORIALS:

Mr. John Bagatella

SACO has sent a condolence card to his loved ones

CONGRATULATIONS!

Zarko and Nevenka Radich

Grand Marshals of the 2014 Watsonville 4th of July Parade
and

to Nevenka who was also honored as the
2014 Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's
Woman of the Year

"Potpourri" from SACO's (formerly YACO) Past THE KALIFORNSKI, circa 1988



Smile, John ... you're on Candid Camera.



As Nick says, "Happy Birthday, Stella!"



George, Ron, Jerry and Zarko ... obviously cooking in a barrel of laughs.



Carole, Joan Jurickovich and Edith Knowles helping make the place pretty for the party.



Carole and Jerry



and a great time was had by all.

Pictured above:

Pictured above:
Top: John Colendich
Bottom: Nick Derpich and Stella Lucich

Top: George Jurickovich, Ron Hill, Jerry Gospodnetich & Zarko Radich
Left Side: Carole Gospodnetich, Joan Jurickovich and Edith Knowles
Right Side: Nevenka Radich and son Sasha
Bottom Left: Carole and Jerry Gospodnetich

Your Newsletter:

THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in future issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. If you have any subjects relating to Slavic heritage or history from either here or abroad that you would like to share or see published, please let us know. We would appreciate your input.

Some suggested topics:

- Trips and photos taken by SACO members
- Newspaper or magazine articles relating to Slavic points of interest
- Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements or special celebrations relating to SACO members
- Family recipes
- Songs, poems or stories of family traditions you'd like to share with others

Please contact either GeriAnne Solano-Simmons or Patricia Gospodnetich-Solano with questions or submissions. Our contact information is listed on the front page.





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**MONTHLY BOARD
MEETINGS:**

Time and location to be determined
and made public.

Meeting location needed - Please
contact one of the board members if
you know of a local venue that we
can use in the evenings or on
weekends.

Not a member yet? Want to join now or need to renew?

SACO MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please make checks payable to "SACO", P.O. Box 226, Watsonville, CA 95077

_____ New Member (Individual \$20, Family \$25.00) _____ Renewal

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Other Donation: \$ _____ to be used for _____

I would like to be a SACO Volunteer: _____ I would like to chair an event: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

We can only be as strong and effective in the work that we do because of your support.
Please consider joining SACO or donating today. Thank you!